

On August 20, 2003, they will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary. I congratulate and praise this couple, members of our Greatest Generation, for serving America to protect our precious democracy. I applaud your bravery and dedication to preserving freedom for all Americans.

Monica and Barney currently reside in Fort Myers, FL. They have two sons, Phil Benning and Gregory Benning and a daughter, Veronica Benning, as well as two grandchildren, Melanie and Lauren Benning.●

OREGON HEALTH CARE HERO

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, Vail Blackwell Horton is a self-described "man with a vision on a mission." Vail was born 25 years ago without legs and has since dedicated himself to enabling people with disabilities to become active members of their communities.

As the founder and CEO of Ken Mobility, Vail and his team of outstanding employees are developing new technologies and services to empower people with disabilities. Innovative assistive devices like the "Keen Krutch" and "Sure Foot Forearm" are engineered to significantly reduce the onset of painful conditions and ailments like osteoarthritis. Vail's products have helped improve the quality of life for many with disabilities. One client raved: "I can't find the words to tell you what your invention has done for my life . . . I am not as embarrassed to walk with my crutch because I think it is a real looker. It has given me a badly needed boost to keep on fighting the fight to live and walk in this world."

In addition to Keen Mobility, Vail founded Incight, a nonprofit organization that focuses on employment and education issues for people with disabilities. Appearing frequently as a motivational speaker, Vail aims to "educate and encourage individuals to acknowledge their handicap, but not let it dictate their life."

Vail's tireless spirit serves as an inspiration to us all. Today, I am proud to honor Vail Blackwell Horton as a Health Care Hero for the great State of Oregon.●

WINCHESTER CELEBRATES ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Winchester, New Hampshire. This great American community is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding, and I am proud to recognize this historic event.

Over 4,000 people call themselves citizens of Winchester. From the town's incorporation in 1753 through today, they have had an enormous impact on the economic and cultural development of not only New Hampshire but our country as well. Winchester has long been a center for commerce and manufacturing. Companies like the Ashuelot Manufacturing Corporation, Thayer &

Turner's Woolen Mill and Robertson Brothers's Paper Mill were early leaders in powering the expansion of the United States. The A.C. Lawrence Leather Company is another notable example of this proud heritage. It made thousands of boots and shoes which our troops needed during World War II. I know there are many residents still living in town who used to work at AC Lawrence at this time and I want to thank them for the vital contributions they made to supporting our troops during that conflict.

The town's people have made significant contributions to the security of our country in many other ways. Colonel Samuel Ashley commanded a regiment of soldiers in the American Revolution. Major General Leonard Wood, another Winchester native, became Chief of Staff for the Army just prior to the start of World War I. He was one of the first men to see the war in Europe as a challenge to the American military establishment. In response, he led a crusade for a larger and better prepared armed force. This effort involved an intensive speaking tour throughout the United States and the launching of summer training camps for college students in Pennsylvania, Vermont, North Carolina and Michigan. One can certainly conclude that our victory in World War I was possible in large part because of General Wood's vision.

This town has also played an important role in the political history of New Hampshire. Francis Parnell Murphy, elected Governor of the State in 1937, was born here. Today, Tom Magee, Gus Ruth, Bill Kelly, Ken Berthiaume and Brian Moser, the current members of the Board of Selectmen, are carrying on this tradition of public service.

These people, and so many others, highlight the rich history for which the people of Winchester can justifiably be proud. As they celebrate the Town's 250th birthday, I am honored to salute this great community.●

ONE SMALL SLICE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on June 10, 1903, 26-year-old Giovanni Castellano married 21-year-old Santa Basile in Milazzo, Italy. Less than 2 months later, on July 24, the newlyweds boarded the S.S. *Lahn* steamship headed for the United States of America. On August 5, 1903, Giovanni and Santa Castellano set foot on American soil at Ellis Island, starting a new chapter in the American dream.

The story of the Castellano family in many ways reflects the typical American immigrant experience. Giovanni and Santa settled in New York City and presided over the development of a large family. The first generation born in America included Joseph, Jenny, Vincent, Florence, Faye, Steve, and Anthony. The members of this generation in turn had families of their own,

and so on. As the new century gets underway, the fourth generation of American Castellanos begins grade school.

The first generation of the Castellano family tended to marry other Italian Americans, the likes of Carizzo, Cambria, and Fidele. Reflecting U.S. immigration patterns, there was the occasional McElligot. Over time, the genealogy of the Castellano family came to reflect the diversity of America. Ullmann, Cinotti, Burk, Garcia, Anchustegui, and Pray are just some of the names that may be found on the family tree now.

Many members of the Castellano family have stayed in New York but others have moved throughout the United States. One hundred years of history have brought the Castellano family literally from sea to shining sea—from New York, Maryland and Washington, DC, to Colorado, New Mexico, and California.

While many in the first generation of the Castellano family received only a grade school education, succeeding generations have graduated from community colleges, State universities, private colleges, and the Ivy League. The Castellano family has spawned teachers, stockbrokers, delivery drivers, restaurateurs, soldiers, lawyers, doctors, dentists, bricklayers, and other professions; some have worked in business, some have worked in public service. They have served their country in both peace and in World War II, Vietnam, and Somalia.

Next week is the 100th anniversary of Giovanni and Santa's entry into the United States through Ellis Island—the beginning of the American dream for one family. Congratulations to the Castellano family; may the dream go on for all Americans.●

RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2003

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I recognize the National Health Center Week that will be celebrated from August 10 to 16, 2003. Health centers provide services to over 10 million people living in underserved areas through the United States, with about 50 percent of the users being from rural areas such as South Dakota.

Community health centers have a longstanding history of providing quality primary health care services to medically underserved populations. Providing care to one of every 12 rural Americans and tending to needs of the increasing number of uninsured individuals, health centers provide medical attention to those who would otherwise lack access to health care. A unique aspect of community health centers allows them to individualize their center to meet the specific needs of a particular community. By partnering with community organizations, schools and businesses, health centers are able to best meet the health care needs of individuals in each respective community.